Deaths due to TB

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tuberculosis is considered world-wide as a completely curable disease yet in the national hospitals like the Rajan Babu TB Hospital there are 20 per cent deaths due to TB;

(b) if so, whether Government have set up an inquiry into the causes of this high rate of deaths; and

(c) if so, the outcome of such study indicating the rate of TB fatalities in each hospital in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) It is a fact that TB is completely curable provided:

(i) Early diagnosis is made.

(ii) Patient takes regular and complete treatment.

(iii) Patient not infected with MDR tubercle bacillus.

(iv) Patient has associated diseases *e.g.* HIV/AIDS.

Death rate in Rajan Babu TB Hospital under the Municipal Corporation of Delhi is reported to be 15—17% which is due to the fact that the hospital is a referral Institute for tuberculosis because of which majority of the patients admitted for treatment in the hospital are in advanced stage of tuberculosis with complications like damaged lungs, TB Meningitis, Miliary Tuberculosis and associated diseases such as diabetes, HIV etc.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.